

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 25-06 (regular)

May 15th, 2025

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 15th, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis

Councilor – Steve Brousseau (arrived at 7:20 pm)

Councilor – Sophie Gagnon

Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Councilor – Réginald Manning

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe

Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others

Lyne Malenfant and Claudine Brunelle (left prior to caucus)

1. Opening of meeting

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:04 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

The following items were added:

6.2 2025 Budget

10.2 By-law no. 1019 – capping program

10.3 By-law no. 1020 – tax ratios

10.4 By-law no. 1021 – tax rates

10.5 By-law no. 1022 – water rates

- Resolution 25-67

3. Pecuniary interest

Councilor Brousseau declared an interest at item 7.1 (a) and left Council Chambers during discussions on the matter.

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meetings

- Resolutions 25-68 and 25-69

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 2024 Financial Statements – the Treasurer reviewed the most important sections of the document

- Resolution 25-70

6.2 2025 Budget – the Treasurer highlighted certain aspects of the balanced budget for Council

- Resolution 25-71

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support:

- a) Prince Edward – Lennox & Addington Social Services – increase Ontario Works rates
 - Resolution 25-72
- g) Champlain Township – heavy vehicles surveillance and monitoring
 - Resolution 25-73

The following requests were received and filed:

- b) Northeast Public Health – Mental Health Week
- c) Town of Tillsonburg (and many others) – Strong Mayor powers
- d) Howick Township – internet utility poles
- e) Town of Parry Sound – diverse and inclusive research
- f) Town of Georgina – road salt management
- h) Township of Otonabee – South Monaghan – daylight savings time

7.2 Hearst Trappers' Council – nuisance beavers - 2025 rates

- Resolution 25-74

7.3 Future of the ice rink surface – Councillor Gagnon reviewed the suggestions obtained from an inquiry submitted to Chat GPT on this matter

- Filed

7.4 Accessibility – 2025 audit – Council reviewed the policies, the plan and the training requirements; discussion on the public consultation process for the splashpad

- Resolutions 25-75 and 25-76

7.5 Request to either block the route or prohibit the circulation of ATVs on an access trail – Council will not block the access and does not have the means to control circulation thereon. Letter to be sent to complainants.

- Agreed

7.6 Zoning By-law Amendment further to the Lakeshore Capacity Study – CAO provided an update to Council. The additional consultant fees required have been budgeted for.

- Filed

7.7 MHIP – Health & Safety Water Stream – CAO to apply for funding pertaining to the Val Côté sanitary system (clean pipes, empty lagoon, change valves)

- Agreed

7.8 NECN – hiring of an Economic Development Officer for a term of 3 years

- Resolution 25-77

7.9 Report on various items

- a) Training/meetings attended
- b) Requests/complaints
- c) Information provided – the Mayor will contact the local MP with respect to the Service Canada decision to deny funding under the Canada Summer Employment program

- Filed

7.10 Request pertaining to monuments and markers at the cemetery – Council is not prepared to modify the existing requirements

- Agreed

7.11 Inquiry as to whether a heavy truck can use the local roads in Mattice – Council allows the use and circulation provided the trailer is free of any load/materials

- Agreed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the FONOM Conference held in North Bay from May 5th to May 7th

8.2 Verbal report of the interview granted yesterday to CTV News for the North

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Verbal report of the meeting hosted by NOSM in Hearst on April 29th last

B. Councilor Gagnon

- Verbal report of the meeting hosted by NDH on May 13th last on hospital future needs

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the MVC Library Board meeting held on May 8th last
- Verbal report of the FONOM Conference held in North Bay from May 5th to May 7th
- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on April 15th

D. Councilor Manning

- Verbal report of the Hearst LCC meeting held in Hearst on April 30th last
- Verbal report of the Kap LCC meeting held in Kapuskasing on May 14th last
- Inquiry re: collapsed culvert at the east end of Queen Street – PW will be replacing the same in short order – Councilor will talk to the bus driver

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 1017 – Procedural By-law

- Resolution 25-78

10.2 By-law no. 1019 – to exit the tax capping program

- Resolution 25-79

10.3 By-law no. 1020 – to establish tax ratios

- Resolution 25-80

10.4 By-law no. 1021 – to adopt tax rates

- Resolution 25-81

10.5 By-law no. 1022 – to establish water rates

- Resolution 25-82

11. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 25-83
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 25-84

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – April 2025

12.2 MMAH – letter from Minister Flack pertaining to Bill 17

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 25-67: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 25-68: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 25-05, held on April 14th, 2025, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Resolution 25-69: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Finance
Committee meeting held on April 15th, 2025, be hereby
adopted.

Carried

2024 Financial Statements

Resolution 25-70: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Independent Auditor's report and
Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending
December 31st, 2024 for the Corporation of the Township of
Mattice – Val Côté be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

2025 Budget

Resolution 25-71: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Budget, with revenues and
expenditures totaling \$3,193,844.00, be hereby approved as
circulated.

Carried

Ontario Works rates

Resolution 25-72: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been
legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer
health, their motives questioned and their dignity undermined,
and;
WHEREAS Ontario Works (OW) financial assistance rates have
been frozen since 2018 at \$733.00 per month;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the
Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the
resolution made by the Prince Edward – Lennox and
Addington Social Services Committee on April 10, 2025,
requesting the Provincial Government to urgently: 1. Increase
Ontario Works rates to match the Ontario Disability Support
Program (ODSP) rate increases that have already been made
and be indexed to inflation; 2. Commit to ongoing cost of
living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to
make up for the years they were frozen, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be
forwarded to Prince Edward – Lennox & Addington Social
Services Committee, to the Minister of Children, Community
and Social Services, to the Premier and to our local parliament
representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Heavy vehicles
surveillance

Resolution 25-73: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon
WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté is of the opinion that additional surveillance and monitoring of heavy vehicles in Ontario is required to ensure the safety of other motorists, property owners and pedestrians;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution 2025-120 made by Council for the Township of Champlain, calling upon the Government of Ontario to increase surveillance and spot checks of all heavy vehicles travelling on Ontario roads and to monitor the testing standards maintained by privately-owned heavy licensing facilities, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Champlain, to the Minister of Transportation and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Nuisance beavers

Resolution 25-74: Marc Dupuis - Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with the Hearst Trappers' Council for the removal of nuisance beavers at the new 2025 rates set out therein.

Carried

Accessibility

Resolution 25-75: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the revised version of the municipal accessibility policies.

Carried

Resolution 25-76: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the content of the 2024-2029 Municipal Accessibility Plan.

Carried

NeCN – EDO

Resolution 25-77: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby agrees to make a municipal contribution in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS per year for a period of three years for the hiring of an Economic Development Officer for NeCN, as required by the FedNor funding secured by NeCN in this regard.

Carried

By-law no. 1017	<u>Resolution 25-78:</u> Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1017, being a By-law to establish rules governing the proceedings of Council, the calling of meetings and the conduct of members, be hereby adopted. Carried
By-law no. 1019	<u>Resolution 25-79:</u> Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1019, being a By-law to exit the capping program for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes for the year 2025 and for subsequent taxation years, be hereby adopted. Carried
By-law no. 1020	<u>Resolution 25-80:</u> Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1020, being a By-law to establish tax ratios for 2025, be hereby adopted. Carried
By-law no. 1021	<u>Resolution 25-81:</u> Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1021, being a By-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2025, be hereby adopted. Carried
By-law no. 1022	<u>Resolution 25-82:</u> Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1022, being a By-law to establish water rates for 2025, be hereby adopted. Carried
Caucus	<u>Resolution 25-83:</u> Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 9:08 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting, to discuss litigation or potential litigation and to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals. Carried
Regular meeting	<u>Resolution 25-84:</u> Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:54 pm. Carried

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| Minutes | <u>Resolution 25-85:</u> Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 25-05, held on April 14 th , 2025 be hereby adopted.
Carried |
| Summer employment | <u>Resolution 25-86:</u> Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality fully fund one (1) position of Park & Recreation attendant for the summer and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said position be offered to Claudy Bergeron.
Carried |
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14. <u>Next regular meeting:</u> Tuesday, June 10 th , at 7:00 pm | |
| 15. <u>Confirmatory by-law</u> | <u>Resolution 25-87:</u> Steve Brousseau - Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1018, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Thursday, May 15 th , 2025, be hereby adopted.
Carried |
| 16. <u>Adjournment:</u> 9:57 pm | <u>Resolution 25-88:</u> Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on May 15 th , 2025, be adjourned at 9:57 pm.
Carried |

Read and confirmed on June 10th, 2025

Mayor

CAO/Clerk